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In re Application of:

HEATHER ACHILLES ET AL.

Application No.: 09/314,566

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DISCARDING DATA PACKETS
THROUGH THE USE OF
DESCRIPTIONS**

Examiner: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified Patent Application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, line 1 before "**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCARDING
DATA PACKETS**", please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/086,078
entitled "Big Access Concentrator" filed May 20, 1998.